

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert the following new paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE**

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/EP 2005/053978, filed on August 12, 2005 and DE 102004041074.7, filed August 25, 2004. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

On page 1, line 3, please amend the heading as follows:

Background ~~Information~~ of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to an electric machine with an axial spring element, and an axial spring element ~~according to the generic part of the independent claims.~~

On page 1, line 14, please amend the heading as follows:

Advantages Summary of the Invention

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 as follows:

~~Advantageous refinements and improvements of the features indicated in the independent claims are made possible by the measures listed in the subclaims.~~ By way of the elastic connection of the inner ring with the outer ring, the spring element can be fixedly fastened via the outer ring to a rotor component on one side, and an axial, resilient, annular contact surface can be provided on the other side for the bearing.

On page 3, line 21, please amend the heading as follows:

Drawing Brief Description of the Drawings